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REVIEW (06.00)

1. MARTINEAU AND PRAHL BEGAN SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS DECEMBER 13 IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCEAN AGREEMENT. DISCUSSIONS WITH METALNIKOV OF SCST ON DECEMBER 13 COVERED THE FULL RANGE OF CURRENT TOPICS. METALNIKOV NOTED (A) THAT SOVIETS PREFER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, (B) THAT SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN EXTENDING AGREEMENT BUT NOT READY YET TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ON THIS MATTER, (C) THAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE POLICY OF RECEIVING-SIDE-PAYS, AT LEAST AT WORKING GROUP LEVEL.

2. MARTINEAU AND PRAHL, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR, CALLED ON SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN SIDORENKO AT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON DECEMBER 14. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE METALNIKOV, BREKHOVSKIKH, AND RAKOVOSKIY AND STEPANOV OF ACADEMY FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.

3. SIDORENKO OVERRULED HIS COLLEAGUES AND AGREED THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 22. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN ADVANCE OF THIS DATE, THE EXACT TIMING
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TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BETWEEN MARTINEAU AND METALNIKOV.

4. MARTINEAU PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR A POST-MEETING TOUR TO INCLUDE WISCONSIN, SEATTLE AND CORVALLIS, OREGON. SIDORENKO NOTED THAT HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING SEVERAL OF THE NORTHEASTERN SITES. MARTINEAU AND METALNIKOV WILL CONSULT FURTHER ON THE ITIN-

ERARY DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS. SIDORENKO ADDED THAT THE ENTIRE SOVIET JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP MUST ALSO BE CONSULTED ON THE FINAL ITINERARY.

5. MARTINEAU AND SIDORENKO AGREED THAT PROGRESS UNDER THE AGREEMENT SINCE THE SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HAS BEEN QUITE SATISFACTORY. THE ONLY PROBLEM AREA EITHER IDENTIFIED AS POLYMODE, WITH THE EXCHANGE OF LIAISON SCIENTISTS STILL UNRESOLVED. SIDORENKO NOTED THAT THE TELETYPE LINK HAS BEEN INITIATED, BUT THAT IN HIS OPINION IT IS OF LITTLE USE. HE HAS NOTED THAT THE TELETYPE HAS NOT BEEN USED VERY MUCH AND HARDLY SEEMS TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE AND EFFORT WHICH WERE INVOLVED. MARTINEAU COUNTERED THAT THE US POLYMODE SCIENTISTS CONSIDER THE INFORMATION ALREADY EXCHANGED VIA TELEX TO BE VERY USEFUL AND ARE PLEASED THAT DIRECT COMMUNICATION IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR BOTH SIDES.

6. A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE RATIONALE FOR AN IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE OF POLYMODE LIAISON SCIENTISTS PRODUCED NO COMMITMENT ON THE TIMING FOR THE EXCHANGE. SIDORENKO CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET JOINT COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO THE EXCHANGE AND THAT MONIN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF PLANNING AND CONCLUDING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. BREKHOVSKIKH, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PROJECT AND STATED THAT HE WOULD PREFER THE EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FIELD WORK HAS BEGUN. SIDORENKO OVERRULED SUCH A DELAY AND DIRECTED BREKHOVSKIKH AND MONIN TO PRESENT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR THE EXCHANGE TO PERMIT A DECISION ON IT TO BE REACHED AT THE JANUARY POLYMODE MEETING IN THE U.S. MARTINEAU THEN MET DEC. 15 WITH MONIS AND BREKHOVSKIKH WHO AGREED TO SETTLE QUESTION OF TIMING OF EXCHANGE AT JANUARY MEETING, WITH VIEW TO INITIATING EXCHANGE NO LATER THAN
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7. SIDORENKO REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO MARTINEAU AND WHITE FOR HAVING ARRANGED HIS EXTREMELY USEFUL AND ENJOYABLE VISIT TO THE U.S. EARLIER IN THE YEAR. HE ADDED THAT HE EAGERLY LOOKS FORWARD TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE SESSION IN FEBRUARY AND THE POST-MEETING TOUR TO ADDITIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC SITES.
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